

FULTON DOESN'T LOOK STRONG ENOUGH TO MAKE WILLARD FIGHT

Size, Height and Reach Are His Only Recommendations, and in These Willard Is Superior; Fulton's Record Doesn't Commend Him; "Gunboat" Smith, a Year Ago Almost Champion, Is on the Down Grade.

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Fred Fulton, who is sized to battle with Jess Willard in New Orleans in March, sizes up as a first class lemon in comparison with the champion.

Fulton, a comparative ring novice, has little other than size, height and reach to recommend him. These might be real assets if Willard were a smaller person, but in every department—size, reach, weight, experience and ring skill—Willard is Fulton's superior.

Willard never has been knocked down or out in his five year career, whereas Fulton has been on the receiving end of three knockout punches. At times, always a job, Fulton, knocked out Fulton in five rounds; Carl Morris, another gladiator, disposed of Fulton in six rounds, and Harry Wells, the negro brawler, is said to have flattened Fulton in 20 seconds.

The Fulton record of accomplishments shows that he has scored knockouts over Arthur Pecky, a mediocre fighter at his best, Tim Logan and Terry Keller. In the "never-wuzzers" class and Andre Anderson, a comparative unknown.

Jim Coffey or Frank Moran probably could give Willard a real workout, but as for Fulton—

The "Gunboat" Smith seems to be about through as a topnotcher. That knock-out punch dealt to him by Jim Coffey a few weeks ago apparently has written the word "finis" on Smith's career. Smith has been on the downgrade ever since he ran into that sleep producing wallop passed out by Sam Langford, in Boston, about a year ago. And the strongest part of it all is that Smith's swift descent started just when he had risen almost to the pugilistic crest.

A short time before he suffered that knockout, Smith scored a victory on points over Langford. His achievement was heralded far and wide. He was named then as the leading "white hope"—as the man sure to become the cham-

phon. Some there were, however, who panned Smith's victory over Langford. They called it a fluke.

Langford got revenge. "I'll show 'em," said Smith and he made the greatest blunder of his career by agreeing to meet Langford again. He felt he was Langford's master. It was the chance Langford wanted. The "tar baby" hadn't trained for that first Smith battle. But he did train for the second. He aimed to wipe out that first victory by Smith.

The white man went into the second battle with the negro, confident, eager—almost over-confident. And Langford simply made a punching bag of him. After hammering Smith at will in the first two rounds, Langford finished the battle by sending Smith to the mat for the full count in the third.

Smith never has been the same since. He agreed to meet Coffey in the hope he could remove some of the smudge on his record by beating Coffey. But Coffey finished him—and "Gunboat" seems about through.

As to Francis Moran. And in the meantime, the folks around Gotham town are yearning for Francis Moran to come back, don the mitts and show 'em whether that victory over Jim Coffey was won on merits—or by accident.

The skeptics and Coffey's friends feel that monsieur Moran isn't a real scrapper and that in another match Coffey could take his measure.

"I'll guarantee Moran \$4000 to meet Coffey in a 10 round bout in New York or a 20 round bout anywhere else," said Billy Gibson, guardian angel and wage-collector for Coffey.

But Francis is "resting," as is the custom with victors in these days. Some day he'll fight again, but why hurry as long as the ex-champion is fairly well clogged up with gifted shokels?

BOWLING

Following were the scores in the Industrial League matches on the Cactus club alley, Monday night:

Globe Mills	144	50	50	71
C. L. Woolen	142	148	149	471
W. E. Anderson	142	148	149	471
J. H. Langford	142	148	149	471
R. E. Roberts	142	148	149	471
Ray Nagle	142	148	149	471
Totals	774	774	774	2322
Real Estate	141	50	50	71
C. L. Woolen	142	148	149	471
W. E. Anderson	142	148	149	471
J. H. Langford	142	148	149	471
R. E. Roberts	142	148	149	471
A. Dummy	142	148	149	471
W. Doak	142	148	149	471
Totals	774	774	774	2322
Points won, Globe Mills; Real Estate 5; high game, Roberts 194; high total, Roberts 519.				
Cement Plant	141	50	50	71
E. L. Clark	142	148	149	471
N. Taylor	142	148	149	471
W. E. Anderson	142	148	149	471
B. H. Henry	142	148	149	471
Chas. Gering	142	148	149	471
Totals	774	774	774	2322
El Paso Laundry	141	50	50	71
A. Vaughan	142	148	149	471
R. E. Roberts	142	148	149	471
Ray Smith	142	148	149	471
W. E. Anderson	142	148	149	471
A. C. Hildebrand	142	148	149	471
Totals	774	774	774	2322
Points won, Cement Plant 3; Laundry 1; high game, Clark 222; high total, Clark 561.				

CHINESE ATHLETES SHOW PROMISE AT MICHIGAN U.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 14.—University of Michigan track officials are keenly interested in the efforts of two Chinese students to make the "varsity" cinder squad. S. C. Hung is a sprinter of no mean ability, while W. D. Wong has already vaulted better than ten feet. The latter is a freshman, who will not be eligible for another year and it is thought that he will be able to add close to two feet to his vault before he enters the sophomore class.

Both of these Chinese athletes received their preliminary training at Tsing Hua college at Peking and they are said to be as far advanced athletically as the average high school student entering American universities.

HARRY'S NOT SUCH A WEAKLING

BY TAD



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WHAT do you think of the proposition of the Texas league to let El Paso have class B ball? By the time we pay transportation both ways for all the teams that play here, as well as the transportation for the El Paso team, and pay the visitors for the two days they will lose, coming and going, it will mean that El Paso will have to show receipts of around \$400 a game if the club is to come out on top. A lot of local fans are talking Texas league ball. Think it over from a financial standpoint and then if you think you favor the idea, call up John McCloskey and tell him how much you are ready to subscribe.

BASKETBALL fans will have a double treat at the end of the week. The Church league games will be played in the "Y" gymnasium on Friday evening and on Saturday evening the New Mexico "Aggies" will play the Cactus club.

WHEN Jimmy Callahan, new manager of the Los Angeles Angels, was in town the other day, he got a line on some of the local semi-professionals and it is likely that two of the boys will have a tryout in the spring with the Coast league club.

WHAT'S the matter with the star boxers? Mike Gibbons fell ill on the eve of his bout with "Young" Ahearn and now Johnny Kilbane has had to call off his bout with Richie Mitchell at Cincinnati. There was quite a scrap over the weights when this match was made and Cincinnati scribes predicted that the boys would never get together in the ring.

IT DIDN'T take the 20th infantry long to get back into the world of sport after reaching Fort Bliss. Immediately on its return, announcement was made that a soccer team would be formed and contest with the 16th infantry and the civilian teams for the local honors. The 20th has a crack baseball team and is likely to turn out a very strong soccer eleven.

VALETS from the Juarez racetrack defeated the jockeys in a game of baseball at Rio Grande park, Monday afternoon, by a score of 22 to 5. The valets hammered the offerings of two pitchers and ran the bases almost at will. From a fan standpoint, the game was a dandy. The newspapermen at the track have challenged the winners for a game next Monday.

AUTOMOBILE men are asked to remember the big dinner and business meeting of the new motor organization at the Sheldon grill on Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

CHARLIE BRICKLEY, the former college gridiron hero, has made some real money out of his football knowledge since leaving college. He patented a square-toe kicking shoe and the royalties from this have been heavy. Then he got big pay for coaching the kickers of Penn. State and Annapolis while special football articles added further to his bankroll. His income in the past year is estimated at \$10,000.

FREDDIE WELSH is charged with the loss of a newspaper decision in a six-round bout with Jimmy Murphy at Philadelphia on Monday night. Both men fought at catchweights and it is evident that the champion made no special effort to exert himself. The fighters are blamed for such poor bouts when the real trouble should be charged to the promoters who, in their greed for coin, will let champions come in at any weight they desire. These catchweight bouts for the little fellows do a lot of harm.

BOXING STARS WHO HAVE JUMPED INTO PROMINENCE



LES DARCY.

JOHN ERTL.

FRED FULTON

START CAMPAIGN TO MAKE GOTCH WRESTLE STECHER

New York, Dec. 14.—Close followers of the national sport are of the opinion that a carefully planned campaign is under way to make out Frank Gotch, the retired wrestling champion, Joe Stecher, of Dodge, Nebraska, the sensational young grappler, is apparently the candidate the promoters have in mind as opponent for the originator of the famous toe hold. The preliminary work has all the earmarks of the campaign which preceded the matching of Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson. Stecher is about twenty-three years of age and has shown remarkable strength and strapping ability in his short mat career. Rival wrestlers, who are never keen to praise an opponent, declare that he is a marvel. Gotch, while considerably older, is far from being a weakling. Since wrestlers do not deteriorate in either strength or strapping skill as rapidly as pugilists, it may be that Gotch will listen in time to the promoters' proposals.

The film of A Thousand Wonders will be shown this week. Where? ADV.

BASKETBALL MEN NAME OFFICERS

Herman Andreas is Elected President of the City Basketball League.

Officers of the City Basketball league for the new year were elected as follows: President, Herman Andreas; vice-president, Paul Atkinson; secretary-treasurer, A. L. Holm. Forfeits were posted by the Cactus club, El Paso Milling company, Feldman club, Wals club, High school and School of Mines and the schedule closed with these six teams.

The Cactus five will be the strongest that has ever represented that club; the El Paso Milling company will be represented by a team that is new to these parts but one that is composed of experienced players. Prominent in the squad will be the Newbrough brothers, Pollock, Johnson and Lopez. The High school team will be as strong as ever and the Mines will be strengthened by the addition of former High men. The Feldman club and the Wals club each have as a nucleus two of last year's "Y" team. The Feldmans also have Race of the Mines, and Wals has Kilburn of the High.

Everything points to the strongest and closest competition that has been seen in El Paso in years.

KILBANE-MITCHELL BOUT IS AGAIN POSTPONED.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 14.—The 16th round bout between Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland, and Richie Mitchell of Milwaukee, scheduled for Monday night, this time until the afternoon of Saturday, January 1. Kilbane telegraphed that he was recovering from an attack of acute indigestion and that he could not risk meeting Mitchell next Wednesday.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY IS TO HAVE ANOTHER COACH.

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 14.—President W. E. Stone of Purdue university, has issued a statement announcing that Andy Smith, Purdue football coach for the last three years, will not be re-employed. President Stone says Smith's attitude toward the university's standard of conduct has not been satisfactory and that he has not obtained the results desired.

NEBRASKA IS PREPARING TO SECURE A NEW COACH.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14.—Preliminary steps toward securing a new Nebraska football coach to succeed E. O. Stehm have been taken by the university athletic board. Several applications have been received and a committee of five was appointed to make a selection. Coach Stehm was formally voted his release from any obligations to serve Nebraska another year.

1623 HARVARD STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN ATHLETICS.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 14.—Harvard athletic statistics show that 1623 students have engaged in major and minor sports so far this year, the largest number in the history of the university. The increase was 199 over last year. Football proved the most popular, with 265 names enrolled, while 247 athletes went out for track games and 252 played tennis.

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